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(b) if so, what action was taken or is proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The matter is under enquiry. The officer has already been transferred out of Pattukkottai."

Maintenance of major irrigation channels in estates taken over by Government.

* 379 Q.—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that major irrigation channels in estates taken over by the Government are to be handed over to the Public Works Department for maintenance and repairs; and

(b) if so, when it will be given effect to?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—" (a) Yes.

" (b) It has been given effect to already. In the districts in which Special Food Production staff under the Commissioner of Food Production is working, repairs to the irrigation sources taken over are being attended to by that special staff. After repairs and restoration, the irrigation sources of the kind normally vested in the Public Works Department will be handed over to the Public Works Department for maintenance."

SRI S. THINAKARASAMY THEVAR:—" May I know whether the Food Production Department in Madurai district are entrusted with the repairs of major and minor channels which are badly in need of repairs? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—" The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question. I have given a general answer. "

SRI K. V. RAMESAM:—" Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state what the irrigation channels proposed to be taken up for execution this year by the department concerned are? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—" The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question."

SRI V. K. RAMASAMI MUDALIAR:—" May I know why the repairs to the channels and tanks in the estates that have been taken over in the Chingleput district have been deferred? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—" The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question."

MR. SPEAKER:—" Questions are over. The Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare will now move the motion standing in his name."